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RESOLUTION # 2007-06

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NEED TO REASSESS REAL PROPERTY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA AS OF MARCH 1, 2006

WHEREAS, the Department of Local Government Finance (Department) is charged with maintaining a just and equitable valuation of real property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department finds the accurate assessment of real property to be an indispensable requirement for a fair and equitable system of property taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Department has adopted 50 IAC 21, an administrative rule that requires the annual adjustment of all property values in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-4.5 beginning with the March 1, 2006 assessment; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Montgomery

County Assessor indicated that assessments on residential property in Madison Township

were regressive or progressive, specifically:

 Unimproved residential property assessments in Madison Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment uniformity required by 50 IAC 21; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Montgomery County Assessor indicated that assessments on commercial property in Union Township were inaccurate or inequitable, specifically:

- a) Unimproved commercial property assessments in Union Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment accuracy required by 50 IAC 21; and
- b) Two sales were reported for Unimproved Commercial property countywide. It is unknown if other information, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Montgomery

County Assessor indicated that assessments on commercial property in Union Township

were regressive or progressive, specifically:

 Unimproved commercial property assessments in Union Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment uniformity required by 50 IAC 21;
 and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Montgomery County Assessor indicated that assessments on industrial property in Union Township were inaccurate or inequitable, specifically:

- a) Unimproved industrial property assessments in Union Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment accuracy required by 50 IAC 21; and
- b) One sale was reported for Unimproved Industrial property county-wide. It is unknown if other information, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, the assessment-to-sales ratio study submitted by the Montgomery County Assessor indicated that assessments on industrial property in Union Township were regressive or progressive, specifically:

- a) Improved industrial property assessments in Union Township were outside the acceptable range of assessment uniformity required by 50 IAC 21; and
- b) Five sales were reported for Improved Industrial property county-wide. It is unknown if other information, as specified in 50 IAC 21-5-2(b), was utilized in the annual adjustment process; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of industrial parcels revealed that eighty-one percent (81%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide analysis of gross assessed values on all classes of commercial parcels revealed that twenty-nine percent (29%) of these parcels had no change or a decline in assessed values from the 2005 assessment year to the 2006 assessment year; and

WHEREAS, upon review of all available data, the Department hereby finds compelling evidence of assessment errors and concludes that sufficient cause exists to justify further investigation into the reassessment of real property in Montgomery County, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Department that there is sufficient cause to believe it necessary to reassess real property in Montgomery County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public hearing on this Resolution and the reassessment of Montgomery County, Indiana for the March 1, 2006, assessment date shall be held at the Montgomery County Courthouse in compliance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-9. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-4-10.

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance

Renée C. Lambermont, Staff Attorney
Department of Local Government Finance

State of Indiana) SS:

County of Marion)

Before me, a Notary Public for Marion County, Indiana, personally appeared the foregoing signatories, who being first duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Resolution and stated that any representations contained therein are true.

Witness by hand and Notarial Seal this 23 day of August, 2007.

Signature

SUSAND Jeffores
Printed Name

I am a resident of JOHNSON County, IN.

My commission expires: 7-7-08